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Students protest chilly classrooms with festive campaign

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As Halloween went on its merry way through USC, Jason Porter and David Adelman worked to bring an early Christmas to McMaster College.

Through social media and sticker campaigns featuring images of Santa Claus, Porter and Adelman sought to highlight insufficiently heated classrooms at the School of Visual Art and Design. Class material and previous frustration with school officials motivated them throughout the campaign.

Though rooms on the infamously cold third floor are now decently warm, both students hope

the campaign inspires USC students to take up causes of their own around campus.

Porter and Adelman's campaign originated from a matter of circumstance. As graduate media arts students, the two attend a class in McMaster 334. Porter said that particular classroom has been "frigidly cold" throughout the fall semester, estimating the temperature to be in the high '50s or low '60s on most days. He now keeps a spare jacket in the McMaster graduate lab specifically for classes on the third floor.

When Porter and Adelman first complained about the temperature, school officials told them to bring up their

discontent in end-of-semester evaluations. In the meantime, their only method of filing complaints was to talk to June Robinson, main office secretary for the School of Art and Visual Design. Porter found this answer "unacceptable."

"I want to be able to talk to people about, 'Why is it freezing? Please, turn the heat up. Why doesn't the heat work?'" Porter said. "The official email we were supposed to go to would not answer questions like that."

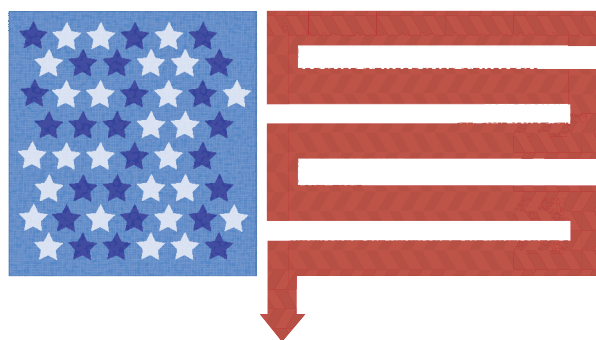
Adelman sympathized with Robinson, saying she should not be expected to bear the brunt of student complaints if she does not have the power to address them.

"I honestly don't think

that she is in a position on her own to make any changes," he said. Regarding any concern that the campaign shames McMaster faculty, Adelman said he does not "think the goal is to particularly denigrate any particular person, it's simply an attempt to get people to notice."

It was not the first time Porter and Adelman faced difficulties with McMaster. On Oct. 19, the building's lone elevator failed. Because of the situation, Adelman, who uses a wheelchair, could have been unable to attend classes on the third floor of the building. He said he was initially told only that repairs could

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"THE REALITY IS THAT
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WAS OFF THE MARK."

— Charles Bierbauer —
Dean of College of Information and Communications

Campus reacts to election results

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As Tuesday's results of the 2016 presidential election show billionaire Donald Trump defeating former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in their race to the White House, students and faculty on USC's campus take it in and reflect on American politics going forward.

A common observation about the election results was that they weren't predicted from the polls put out by major news media outlets — it looked as though Trump had beaten difficult odds.

"The media's job is not to make the news but it's to report the news," said Charles Bierbauer, dean of USC's College of Information and Communications. "The reality is that most, if not every poll, was off the mark."

Polling aside, news media have also covered both candidates on their campaign trails as they stirred up controversy through their own words and actions. Bierbauer acknowledged a public opinion that the two candidates were "flawed," but the voters still end up making a decision.

"[Trump] is winning in spite of a collection of things that he has said or done that many people found offensive, including people in his

own party. Had there been a Clinton win, it would have been in spite of her rather ... cavalier approach to how she handled the email situation," Bierbauer said. "What the voters have said is, 'We don't consider Donald Trump's flaws to be fatal. And we don't find Hillary Clinton's strengths to be sufficient to overcome the feelings we have about her' ... That's the essence of this."

As a former White House correspondent, the dean says that president-elect could have a contested relationship with the press if he continues to criticize its members in the same way he has in the past, and that the press will be "even more omnipresent and persistent in their coverage of a president than they were of a candidate."

USC Student Body President Michael Parks also maintained that polling data is not always a definitive marker. He says that if one would have told him of a Trump victory in the beginning of the day, he would have thought chances were slim.

"This is a night ... that the American people are going to remember for a long time, and that college students are going to remember for

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Partnerships spread awareness

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Carolinian Creed and Diversity Week has brought speakers, student forums and interactive displays to USC focused on teaching students about how the tenets of the creed function on campus.

The Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity with Carolina Judicial Council pushed toward expanding partnerships with other campus offices and student organizations this year to spread awareness about the events, especially the popular Tunnel of Awareness.

This year, University Housing has partnered with University 101 for the first time. This means professors have worked some of this week's events into their syllabuses and have had their students attend events during class time, increasing the number of residents and first-year students in participation.

"We've tried to kind of partner more and help people see the events as not just a small group or subset of people but as a campus



Brittany Franceschina / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The Tunnel of Awareness wants students to evaluate their own values and beliefs.

wide initiative," Erin Kitchell, director of academic integrity, said. "I think growth in our partnerships has really been the biggest change I've seen, and that just allows for events to be more well attended and the programs to be diverse in their opinion and whose teaching the topics and providing perspectives."

One of the main events, the Tunnel of Awareness, is described as a "social justice experiment" and returned this year with six rooms focused on social awareness topics including civility, toxic masculinity, human trafficking, sexual assault, domestic violence,

access to educations, homelessness and micro aggressions and privilege. Those walking through spent one to two minutes in each of six rooms and at the end debriefed with a professional staff member.

"The rooms will change each year which I think is really great because it allows us to adapt to what's being talked about, what's relevant to our students at this time," university's housing diversity committee chair Anne-Marie Hantman said. "I think some of those topics are super relevant to what our students are talking about and dealing with right now in relation to diversity and being

strong Carolinians and I also think some topics might surprise people when they walk in."

Some students appreciate the opportunity to take time out of their day to consider issues of inclusion.

"Housing has really been pushing it in a good way for us to come because it helps open up diversity and understanding where other people are coming from which is really awesome," a student who wished to remain anonymous said about her experience in the Tunnel of Awareness.

For Kitchell, it's a chance for students

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New fraternity looks to join Greek Life

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Nationally known Christian social fraternity Beta Upsilon Chi, otherwise known as BYX, is hoping to be recognized by USC's Fraternity Council.

Several USC students, who say they're looking to celebrate their Christian faith, wanted to find a way to do so in the form of a brotherhood by establishing a chapter here in Columbia.

The national board of Beta Upsilon Chi recently recognized these students as the Alpha Phi chapter of BYX, and they initiated 18 men into the fraternity.

According to the national website, BYX "exists for the

purpose of establishing brotherhood and unity among college men based on the common bond of Jesus Christ."

Stephen Lynch, vice president of the Alpha Phi Chapter, played a significant role in founding the chapter this past summer with fraternity president and good friend Ladd Platt.

"I had looked at some of the campus ministries at USC and I really had wished there was a solid Christian fraternity that I could join so when he [Ladd] came to me about this I was really really excited to help him out with that ... We started advertising ... and recruited four other guys to become the six officers of the fraternity," Lynch said.

While they are considered a social fraternity, BYX members say they stray from traditional fraternities on campus in that they emphasize the importance of their fraternity being a brotherhood of Christian men in addition to practicing the social aspects of a fraternity.

BYX plans to host social events such as tailgating at football games and functions, but advocates for dry events.

President of Fraternity Council Joe Stuhrenberg is optimistic about the possible addition to fraternity life at USC.

"They will have to be voted in by a majority of the current 26 members of Fraternity Council ... I do think that they



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Beta Upsilon Chi is both a Christian and social fraternity.

have a good infrastructure and a sound plan going forward," Stuhrenberg said.

The Alpha Phi Chapter of Beta Upsilon Chi could be

recognized by USC as a student organization in just a matter of weeks, and the chapter plans to participate in spring rush.

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IN BRIEF

Developers eyeing Huger for new apartments, grocery store

Almost 200 new apartments and a new supermarket may be headed to the Vista, The State reports. Columbia’s Design/Development Review Commission will hear a proposal Thursday for the future of an old bus storage facility in the district. The proposed site is sandwiched between two already approved developments that will together bring almost 700 new apartments to Huger Street.

— Compiled by Mary Ramsey, News Editor

Newborn found in Claflin trash can

A newborn baby is expected to survive after being found in a trash can at Claflin University, WIS reports. The infant was taken to an Orangeburg area hospital after being discovered early Wednesday. Local officials and campus police are still investigating the incident, and authorities found the child’s mother late Thursday.

— Compiled by Mary Ramsey, News Editor

North Carolina forest fire smoke spreads to SC

A wildfire in the Appalachians is affecting air quality in the Palmetto State, WLTX reports. Smoke was visible in Columbia and throughout Richland County as well as Newberry and Lexington counties. The smoke is severe enough in Spartanburg County that the National Weather Service issued an air quality warning. The fire may continue to burn for weeks according to forestry officials in North Carolina.

— Compiled by Mary Ramsey, News Editor

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take “up to two weeks.”

“It’s just interesting to me that the default position of this university seems to be ‘we’ll fix it, but we won’t let you know when,’” Adelman said.

Porter finally decided to take action after reading the 2015 book “Seeing Power: Art and Activism in the 21st Century” by New York-based curator Nato Thompson. Topics brought forth in class discussion of the book gave him an idea.

On Oct. 31, Porter created a Twitter account titled “Third Floor Santa” and began documenting his efforts to have the air conditioning fixed on McMaster’s third floor. In his first post the same day, Porter took a picture of himself wearing a curly white beard and wig while standing outside McMaster, writing that “This place looks cold enough for me!”

From the beginning, Porter tried to get in touch with USC student media, tweeting pictures of the campaign’s distinct stickers at The Daily Gamecock editors Kamila Melko, Mary Ramsey and T. Michael Boddie. He also tagged USC administrators, including university president Harris Pastides and provost Joan Gabel.

Porter also designed and printed hundreds of stickers

featuring the Third Floor Santa Twitter handle. Throughout last week, he stuck them on lockers and windows, inside and outside of elevators and even above the thermostat on the third floor of McMaster.

Porter did not believe progress would be made overnight, and he was right. The third floor temperature stood at 61 degrees when Porter began posting on Oct. 31, and increased only a single degree by Nov. 2.

But on the morning of Nov. 3, Porter and Adelman entered McMaster to find that the internal temperature stood at 73 degrees. Though elated, they knew it was unlikely that the change came about as a product of the campaign.

“If they need parts to fix [the AC] they had to have time to order them,” Porter said. “So I understand that if it’s fixed now, this is something that has been in play before I started.”

The abrupt temperature change also nullified a portion of the Third Floor Santa campaign. Porter planned to decorate the third floor of McMaster as a “winter wonderland” over the weekend while few students and faculty remained in the building. After the heat was turned up, the idea became “redundant,” in his opinion.

Porter noticed something

else that morning as well. Several maintenance workers loitered in the third floor lobby. Adelman assumed this was to deter Porter from posting more stickers.

“They’re not explicitly saying why they’re there,” Adelman said. “But it’s just interesting that this project has been going on for such a short time and then all of them are posted on the floor where this is centered.”

On Nov. 4, Porter tweeted through the Third Floor Santa account that only 48 of 300 stickers he put up remained in place. Shortly after, he decided to end the campaign, saying that it had come to a “natural end.”

In his final post, Porter tweeted an image of a torn Third Floor Santa sticker above a quotation from the Carolinian Creed: “I will discourage bigotry, while striving to learn from differences in people ideas and opinions.”

Peter Chametzky, the director of the School of Visual Art of Design and one of the individuals tagged in Porter’s tweets, acknowledged that some classrooms in McMaster may be uncomfortably heated. However, he denied that school administrators are unaware or unsympathetic.

“We know there are HVAC [heating, ventilation and air conditioning] issues in the

building. We’re reporting them all the time,” Chametzky said. He also said that the practice of notifying the main office secretary of maintenance issues is simply “standard procedure.”

Chametzky also denied any knowledge of school officials having maintenance workers stationed in the third floor lobby on Nov. 3. Nor was he aware of why the thermostat on the third floor was adjusted 12 degrees on the same day.

Regarding the elevator breakdown, Chametzky praised Rebecca Boyd, the school’s coordinator for undergraduate student services, for her work in addressing the situation. As part of her job, Boyd handles the master schedule for all classes that are held in McMaster College. When notified that McMaster’s only elevator malfunctioned on Oct. 19, Boyd indefinitely relocated classes to floors accessible without use of stairwells.

Boyd said that to her knowledge no students were unable to attend class Oct. 20 or later because of ongoing repairs to the elevator.

Though he disagreed with claims made by Porter and Adelman, Chametzky said that students should always promptly inform administrators of technical issues occurring in McMaster.

“It’s always necessary to

let us know that there are issues, in terms of the physical environment,” Chametzky said. “We always want to know about that, and we report [those problems].”

Despite his belief that the campaign did not seem to sway McMaster administrators, Porter said he does not see it as unsuccessful.

“I don’t view my campaign as a failure in the fact that it didn’t have the response I intended,” Porter said. “I view it as an evolution of changing what my expectations of success are on the project.”

When asked if he had any advice to say to USC students who want to maintain an active voice on campus, Porter said he did: “Just do it.”

But Porter cautioned that students must take steps to ensure that they are behaving within the boundaries of university rules. Prior to beginning the campaign on Oct. 31, Porter notified his academic advisor of the plan to make sure he would not be punished.

“I’m not actively encouraging people to go graffiti up the Horseshoe,” Porter said. “I’m not telling people to do that. But I think that if there are issues that people are having, to not think that ‘oh, the powers that be are going to fix it.’ Do something about it.”

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a long, long time,” Parks said.

What struck Parks about the election was its lasting effects on his generation — particularly college students — of Americans. He went on to commend voting students on getting out and participating in the election.

“There’s people today who feel like winners, and there are people who feel like they’re not winners. But when everyone votes, you’re a winner — at least in our civic society, in my opinion,” Parks said. “And I think that’s important

for everybody to remember. Getting out to vote is about the most important thing you can do as an American and especially as a college student.”

Having gone through his own campaign process to become the student body president, Parks saw the dueling campaigns of Trump and Clinton as a “nasty” one. He also thinks that young people are rather exhausted after those campaigns have dominated their conversations for over a year.

Still, as the head of Student Government, Parks contended that the election is a hot

topic in his environment. He encourages people to respect each other’s views and opinions in that regard.

“At the end of the day, America is awesome because you can have your own opinion,” Parks said, “and being a college student is awesome because you’re in such a laboratory of thought development and personal development that you can express those freely, but it’s also important to be respectful of others.”

Political science professor Robert Oldendick weighed in on the aftermath of the election

as well.

In the wake of a result that has some of those on losing side shaken, Oldendick hopes that people keep in mind that the U.S. has a system of checks and balances that is unlikely to allow a president to override legislature.

“There’s an opportunity for maybe getting some policies through, but also the continued need to compromise,” Oldendick said.

Oldendick described Trump’s candidacy as “unique,” pointing to his lack of governmental experience and popularity as a television

personality. He also maintained that Trump entered the race at a critical time — one wherein he can tap into the “dissatisfaction” of those who feel that they have not prospered under a Democratic administration.

Parks accepts the election results as something that, while it may not permeate conversations in his own office as much as before, is an important topic. While the election is “the elephant in the room in any room,” he emphasized that “as a Carolina community, we need to be sure that we support one another.”

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to examine their own attitudes and even underlying prejudices. “I think most of our students here embrace those values, they just may not recognize that they’re living out the different tenants in the way in which they act,” Kitchell said. “So if we can get them to one recognize that but then also be purposeful in that action, then it can really help our campus community just be full of a climate in which we are having civil conversations and dialogue, respecting one another and really looking out for the concern of others and the climate in which we live.”

The rest of the events for Creed & Diversity week can be found on the Carolinian Creed web page.

DATES TO KNOW: NOVEMBER

Thursday, Nov. 10
– Student Leadership Seminar, 2-5 p.m. in Capstone Campus Room
– Creed and Diversity Week 2016: Speaking Truth to Power, 4:30 p.m. in Green Quad D 102/103
– Quench: Trans Visibility in the Media, 12-1 p.m. in Russell House Room 201

Friday, Nov. 11
– Women’s Self-Defense Class, 12-4 p.m. in Strom martial arts classroom

Saturday, Nov. 12
– Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week Service Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with check-in on Davis Field

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Now that the election is over, Americans can return to their everyday lives and have discussions not involving WikiLeaks or political Twitter wars.

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Oh, 2016. What a wild ride it has been. Between the talk of Kim K’s robbery, Beyoncé’s latest album and the fate of Jon Snow, politics and the election have seeped their way into every nook and cranny of our conversations this year.

But the election has come and gone, meaning the undeniable tension between you and your grandfather can subside. The words “loser” and “huge” and the general idea of emails are forever branded as being reminders of the 2016 election. We won’t ever be able to look at Scott Baio or a red Woolrich sweater the same way, but that’s okay, America never

had much stock in either of those things. Finally, we can get back to talking about things that don’t fill us with dread and make us think President Snow from “The Hunger Games” is about to pop up and declare South Carolina ‘District 12.’ Now we can talk about things like: *Canada* Remember when America treated

Canada like the school nerd that we shook down for lunch money every day? “How I Met Your Mother” and “That ‘70s Show” always poked fun at our northern neighbor about their funny accents and overly polite mannerisms. It seems all of our schoolyard name-
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In the nearly three years that the PS4 has been on the market, we have seen a variety of different games, some incredible and ground-breaking, some broken and miserable. With the incredibly large number of new releases every year and the responsibilities of college, chances are you might have missed some of the great games that have come to your console. Here are four of the best games that you should be playing.
“Life is Strange”
In recent years, especially since Telltale’s “The Walking Dead,” there has been a rise in games that focus primarily on telling a story and while putting gameplay in a lesser spot. This doesn’t always pan out, but sometimes a game tells a story so compelling that the lack of focus on minute-to-minute gameplay doesn’t detract from the game’s enjoyment — like “Life Is Strange.” This episodic drama game follows Max Caulfield, an 18-year-old girl who returns to the town she grew up in, Arcadia Bay, to attend a prestigious school for photography. Shortly after arriving, Max’s awkward and shy life becomes more interesting when, after receiving strange visions and witnessing a tragedy, she learns she has the ability to rewind time. The game revolves around this mechanic

of allowing the player to rewind time in nearly every dialogue section they encounter in an attempt to get the best outcome. However, each path has its share of pros and cons, some of which won’t be realized until it’s far too late. “Life Is Strange” puts the player in a unique perspective that isn’t often used in gaming (that of a high school girl), and its writing and story make it an interesting character study and a moving experience.
“Uncharted 4: A Thief’s End”
Since the first game in 2007, Naughty Dog’s “Uncharted” series has consistently been regarded as some of the most iconic modern games and they are masterful in offering gamers cinematic experiences and engaging stories. Eight and a half years later, Naughty Dog reaffirmed its superstar status in the gaming industry with “Uncharted 4.” This latest adventure with Nathan Drake, the game’s Indiana Jones-like protagonist, is filled to the brim with charming and impressive voice acting, an impressive script, fun third-person shooter gameplay and graphics that push the PS4 to previously untapped limits. While the stories of the “Uncharted” games do connect and players won’t have the full effect without going back to the previous three installments, “Uncharted 4” can also suit just fine as an entry point for newcomers. For those who do want to go back, the PS4

also has “The Nathan Drake Collection,” which contains remastered versions of the first three games, meaning that you have no excuse for missing out on one of gaming’s greatest.
“Witcher 3: Wild Hunt”
“Witcher 3,” made by Polish studio CD Projekt RED, came out last summer and blew away expectations with its impossibly huge open world, thrilling gameplay, interesting story and sheer amount of content. “Witcher 3” takes place in the world created by Polish author Andrzej Sapkowski in his “Witcher” fantasy series, a brutal yet beautiful setting with picturesque landscapes around every corner, each of them filled with deadly creatures. The story follows Geralt of Rivia, who is a special monster hunter with super-human abilities known as a witcher. While the main quest line is incredibly lengthy and engaging, it’s through the side quests that the game truly shines. Where most games put considerably less effort into its ancillary quest lines than its mandatory ones, “Witcher 3” uses each quest to tell full-fledged stories with twists and turns and many times an actual impact on the world around you. In a year when the gaming industry was drowning in a sea of lengthy open-world RPGs, “Witcher 3” still managed to stand out as a truly

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‘Daughters’ festival honors female filmmakers of color

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This weekend, the Nickelodeon will present “Daughters: Celebrating Emerging Female Filmmakers of Color,” a film festival featuring work by ten female filmmakers of color. This three-day event will include a collection of films to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Julie Dash’s film “Daughters of the Dust.” This was the first feature length film directed by an African American woman to be theatrically distributed in the United States.
The festival will run from Nov. 11 to Nov. 13. Festival passes can be purchased on the Nickelodeon’s website for complete access to the entire event, and students can use promotional code “dust” for \$15 off of the \$50 pass. Students can also purchase individual tickets online with promotional code “dash” for a \$3 discount. A complete schedule of events can be found on the “Daughters” website.
The film festival will showcase films by many emerging artists and will also include talk-backs with the visiting filmmakers. Roni Nicole Henderson, one of the festival’s co-curators, and Nikky Finney, poet and professor of African American studies and creative writing and Southern letters at USC, will also be moderating the talk-backs.
“I don’t believe a women of color film festival has ever happened in South Carolina before. Its a first!” Finney said.

“As a community we need these kinds of artistic moments in order to have the kinds of conversations we need to keep having as neighbor and citizen.”
These filmmakers, coming from across the nation, will meet in Columbia to show their work and interact with the community. Artists from as close as Atlanta, where filmmaking duo House of June is located, and as far as Oakland, California, where Nijla Mu’min creates short films, have been invited by the Nickelodeon to showcase their work.
While these filmmakers are making strides in the same industry, their subject matter is as diverse as their geography. Where Nefertite Nguvu explores love and relationships in her film “In the Morning,” Garrett Bradley expresses what it’s like to be a struggling musician in “Cover Me.” Roni Nicole Henderson will also be presenting two short films that explore how God affects people in various situations.
“Daughters” is a celebration of an important anniversary, but it’s also a way to highlight women of color who are creating contemporary and significant works.
“We want to contribute to putting these women on a pedestal and putting a spotlight on their work and on who they are in the industry,” said Kristin Morris, marketing manager for the Nickelodeon.
Unlike traditional film festivals with judges and awards, “Daughters” is aiming to create conversation and celebration.



Courtesy of Kristin Morris

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calling vanished once we realized Canada had the hottest prime minister ever, along with the fact that they weren't in the middle of a divisive election.

But now that we've made our choice, America can get back to mocking the relentless "ehs" our neighbors always throw into their conversations and how 60 percent of their population is moose.

Canada, you let us lean on you in our time of need, but now it's time we return to what we do best — making ourselves look better by mocking you.

Television

So many of our televisions have been congested with Kellyanne Conway and Megyn Kelly that it feels like we've fallen into a Fox News wormhole for the past 15 months. But now, what's really important is binge-watching mediocre television and sobbing every time Shonda Rhimes kills off a beloved character.

You'll be able to watch "Veep" without breaking a sweat wondering if Julia Louis-Dreyfus somehow

caused the disaster of an election. You can sit through the latest "Game of Thrones" and not feel a disturbing realization that Cersei and Joffrey are as cut-throat as this year's batch of candidates.

Rightfully so, Twitter should be filled with talk of Negan's latest victims on "The Walking Dead" rather than your friends and every celebrity you follow reminding you to vote.

Talking with Family

While the topics of politics, religion and money are off-limits for any family function, it seems the political landscape of 2016 is too orange and pantsuit-filled for anyone to ignore.

This holiday season, America can finally converse with aunts, uncles and cousins without the threat of "Hillary for Prison" or accusations of being a deplorable coming up in the conversation.

Your grandfather can finally ask you about your schoolwork instead of skirting around the question of whom you'll be voting for, and your sibling will finally shut up about how Gary Johnson would have saved this country.

Clothing Choices

The amount of pandering and name-calling in this election left America feeling like it was caught up in the middle of a petty twitter fight between two 13 year-olds rather than a presidential election, but some things will go back to normal.

You can finally wear your red baseball cap without wondering if people are thinking you want to "make America great again." You can even carry your hot sauce in your bag as homage to Beyoncé without feeling like Clinton groveling on a radio show.

That red pantsuit you bought won't remind everyone of Lena Dunham's awful rapping and "Clueless" can be rewatched without feeling weird about Stacey Dash and whatever it is she's doing nowadays. Maybe we'll even begin to think fondly of baskets again, but that may take time.

The rest of 2016 should be spent the way Americans want and deserve — complaining about Starbucks' holiday cups, wondering which dips you'll make for the Super Bowl and mourning the death of Harambe.

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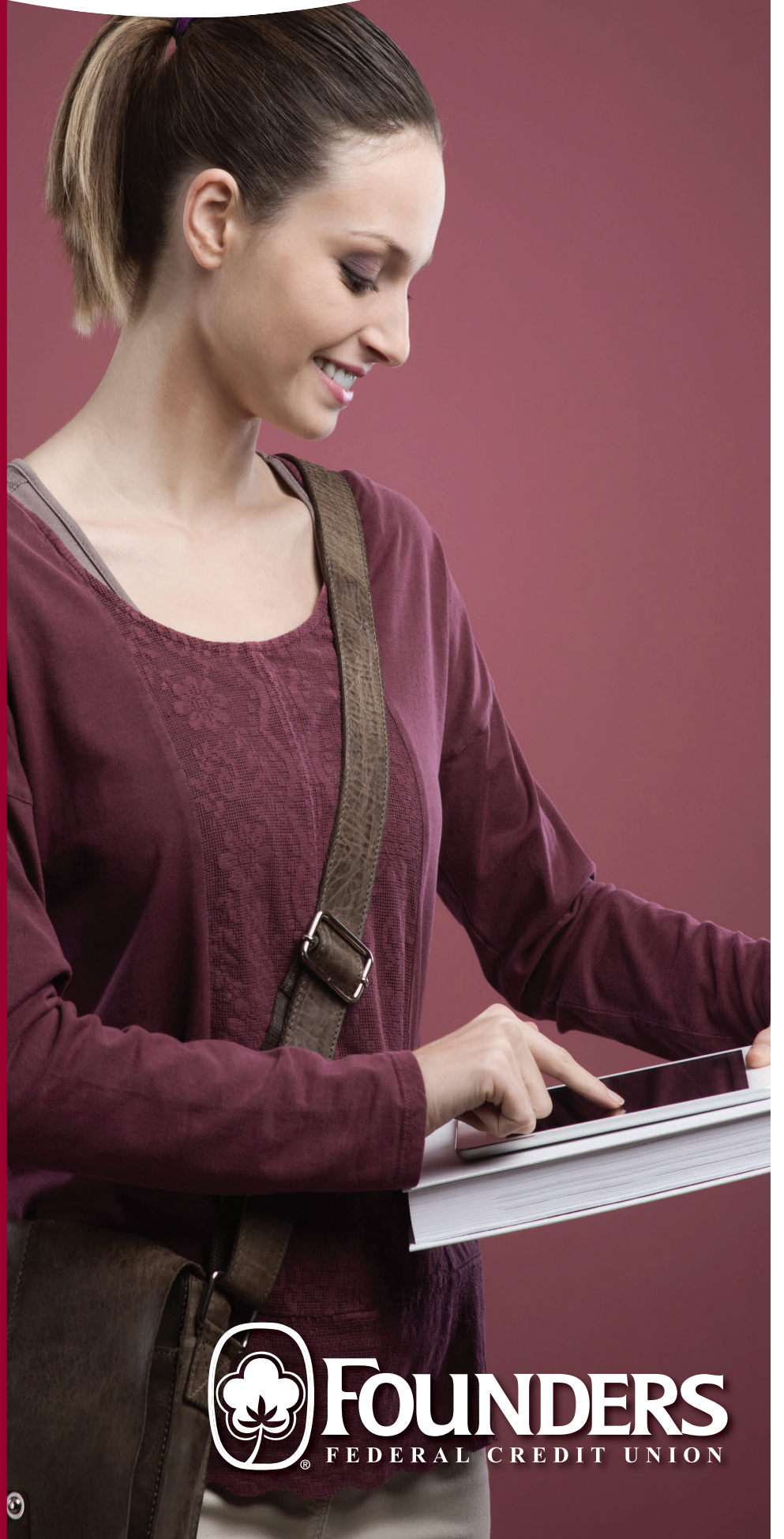
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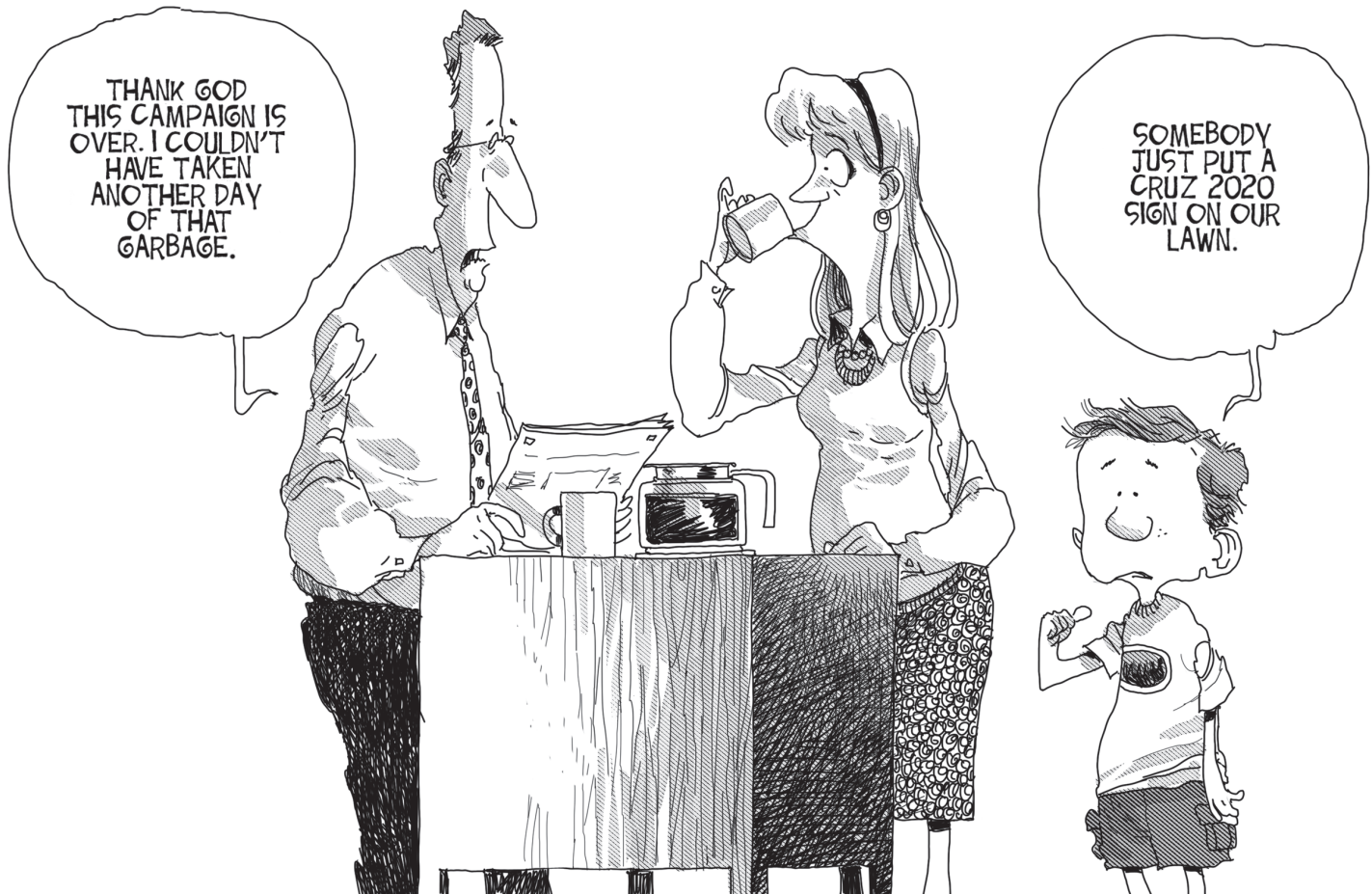
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Trump’s victory means terror for minorities



Griffin Hobson
Third-year economics and marine science student

I expected I would wake up Wednesday morning and write a column with a dark joke about how America walked away from the edge of the bridge but still needed to grapple with the issues that brought it there in the first place.

I was wrong. What happened last night wasn’t a suicide, a decision to go out with one great last hurrah, a vote that we all knew we would not, could not, come back from.

What happened last night was a murder centuries in the making. A massacre. And, as Kurt Vonnegut said, “there is nothing intelligent to say about a massacre.” But I guess I’ll try, even as my hands shake on the keyboard and my stomach churns inside me.

In queer spaces and communities of color, today feels like a funeral. And not just in the usual way, like the recent murder of the 24th trans person this year and the trials of Dylann Roof and the killer of Walter Scott playing in the background of life. For communities used to funerals, today’s feels particularly big.

Donald Trump has previously talked about making a national database of Muslims and blocking their movement into the country. The only thing worse

than that is the potential violence that follows when the commander-in-chief uses his bully pulpit to bully. There are stories on Twitter today of devout Muslim women having the talk with their daughters about how they can be forgiven for not wearing the hijab.

Queer people woke up to a president-elect who’s promised to remove federal LGBT protections and appoint Supreme Court justices who want to make their marriages illegal. They woke up to a vice president-elect who proposed moving AIDS research funding to conversion therapy; a man who wants to torture them until they break down and deny who they are. The man who passed a law making it fully legal to discriminate against them is now on his way to the Naval Observatory.

The Latin community is waking up to find out that their next president opened his campaign by calling them rapists, drug dealers and criminals and promising to keep more people like them out. He’s promised to deport millions of people, many of whom have broken no laws since they fled from poverty or violence. Some of them barely speak their parents’ native language but could find themselves forced back to a country they might not remember.

Black people are waking up to a president-elect who still believes that the Central Park Five, exonerated by DNA evidence, should’ve been killed for a crime they clearly didn’t commit. Their new president made his first headlines by saying people like them didn’t belong in his buildings. Our

next attorney general might be Rudy Giuliani, who made it legal for police officers to stop and frisk people of color for no reason at all, a policy that Trump has publicly supported.

The suicide hotlines are ringing with the grief and desperation of the people above. But none of them gave us Trump. There’s nothing they could’ve done to stop this.

Women are waking up to find a president who’s bragged about sexual assault moving into the White House instead of a relatively qualified woman. Their next president has promised to appoint justices willing to, and capable of, making it so that the government can declare what a woman can and can’t do with her own body.

Well, some of them gave us Trump.

Trump won by dominating the votes of white men and winning the votes of white women. They are almost solely responsible for the impending sense of doom minority communities are waking up to as I type these words.

A popular theory among (white) pundits is that white America had some sense of “economic anxiety” that led to them voting for Trump. That theory would say that minority communities just got swept up in the aftermath. The harm done was perhaps tragic, but entirely due to voters pursuing their own economic interests. Trump voters don’t hate people of color, women and queer people so much as they just don’t care one way or the other about them.

But that theory is patently untrue. Clinton won among voters who were worried about the economy. Clinton won among voters making less than

\$50,000 a year. The economically vulnerable clung to her. It was the white people who were comfortable who wanted to Make America Great Again.

Trump won among people concerned primarily with immigration. He won with people primarily concerned about terrorism. He won among people scared of others with a darker skin tone. He strung white Evangelicals along with promises of a Supreme Court that would overturn a woman’s constitutional right to privacy in medical decisions and roll back the clock on LGBT rights.

What happened on Election Day wasn’t a suicide or a dispassionate killing, but a gleeful murder of the people that many Americans wish weren’t here. People wanted to bring American back to the golden days, when people of color couldn’t vote or use the same facilities as white Americans, when LGBT people stayed closeted, when the disabled were ignored and when women were trapped in abusive relationships so “family values” could thrive.

And they won. There are enough of them to win the House, Senate, presidency and, soon, the Supreme Court. What makes the election doubly painful isn’t just the murder but the knowledge that the perpetrator will remain out there, unpunished, and able to strike again.

White America sent exactly the message they intended to. They gave us all of the other backgrounds funerals, or allowed them to happen. Why should they care about another one?

Students must work against Islamophobia



Stephanie Woronko
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You are in a parking lot when a stranger silently taunts you by waving their gun in the air. You are on the sidewalk when someone threatens you through their car window. You are on campus when a group of students surround you, shouting that you are not one of them. You approach your car to find that someone has keyed “ISIS” into its door. You, like everyone else, are a student trying to fit in and find your place in the world — but to them, you are only a Muslim.

As a member of a diverse student group working to support the Muslim community on campus, I can confirm that all of the above instances have occurred within the past year. These events have taken place on our campus and in our city and have hurt our fellow students. Islamophobia is not just a distant national problem but a local one as well, and USC is clearly not immune to its effects. The student community must ask ourselves — aren’t we better

than that?

Nationally, Muslim women are fearful to wear a hijab due to the hateful environment surrounding the presidential election and events abroad. Though we cannot easily change the attitude of the entire nation, we can start on our own campus. At USC, we can create an environment that honors diversity and inclusion. It is time that we as Gamecocks separate from the lies of Islamophobia and take a strong stance in protecting our Muslim community.

Beginning next week is International Education Week, which hosts several events to celebrate the cultures of other countries, and the keynote event will bring light to the reality of Islamophobia. The topic is crucial to investigate, since many are misled without even realizing it. Islam is one of the most peaceful religions in the United States, yet this would be nearly impossible to conclude relying solely on the media.

Both in the United States and abroad, followers of different religions and sects have lived and continue to live peacefully among one another. Victor Reynolds, a fourth-year computer science student, studied abroad in Ibri this year, a rural part of Oman that does not see many tourists. Though the media portrays predominantly Muslim countries as anything but peaceful, he was able to observe firsthand the similarities that Islam shares to other faiths.

“The core moral tenets are very similar, and Muslims share the same sense of community that Christians do through weekly attendance of a place of worship. Nearly every Muslim will firmly assert that they believe in the same God as the Jews and Christians,” Reynolds said. “When a typical Omani learned that one of my friends in my study group was Christian, he or she would always say something like, ‘ah, you know as Muslims we admire Jesus as well. The most important thing is tolerance and respect - we are all human.’”

Just as those with a different background from Reynolds were open to dialoguing with him, students at USC must be open to those who

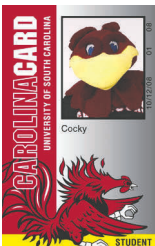
share different religions, beliefs and experiences. Though Islamophobia may be present on our campus, so is the movement to end it. Several student and faculty-led initiatives are coming up, including a presentation by the nationally-known Dr. Jack Shaheen.

Other opportunities to learn about Arab culture, as well as the culture of other countries, can be found on the schedule of International Education week events. Though Islamophobia is national and local problem, the truth will remove it and leave in its place a community of understanding. As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, “Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.”

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Peppers has taken the college football world by storm, proving his skill and athleticism in all aspects of the game. He serves a key role for the Wolverines’ defense, offense and special teams and is one of the main reasons they have been able to achieve so much success this season.

In a league dominated by dual-threats, Peppers has shown that he has it all. On defense, Peppers ranks second in the Big Ten in tackles for loss and can line up as a linebacker, defensive end or safety on any given play. His versatility makes him a huge threat to any opposing quarterback, and he is the leader of a Michigan defense that gives up a mere 10.7 points per game to opposing teams.

Peppers is not only a playmaker on defense but also shines on offense. Despite his main role as a defender, Peppers, at any given time, will line up as a running back, receiver or even quarterback. His contributions on

special teams also deserve notice, as he ranks at the top of the Big Ten in punt return yards and punt return touchdowns. On both sides of the ball, Peppers has taken on a key role for the Wolverines and has led them to an undefeated record thus far.

Though he often goes overlooked in comparison to Lamar Jackson, Jabrill Peppers has been able to do everything Jackson does and more. Both are capable of making flashy, athletic plays on offense. Both are capable of leading their teams that were previously afterthoughts in the word of college sports. But Peppers has been able to outperform Jackson by being a more versatile and well-rounded player in every aspect of the game.

The Heisman Trophy is meant to be awarded to the most outstanding player in college football. Lamar Jackson may have achieved fame with his flashy touchdowns, but in terms of outstanding players, only one ranks above all else: Jabrill “The Thrill” Peppers.

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of increased national attention and the common ideology that a great player is only great if he can make his team great too, it is important that a Heisman contender’s team is at least in the race for the Playoff.

Third, you need the “it” factor. Be it a huge win on prime time or highlights that catch everyone’s eye, you need plays or games that get everyone talking about you.

Jackson has all three boxes shaded in with a black permanent marker.

As the NCAA leader in rushing touchdowns and points responsible for per game, top five in rushing yards and top ten in passing yards per game, passing touchdowns and passing efficiency, Jackson certainly stuffs the stat sheet. In basically any major statistical category pertaining to quarterbacks, and even those traditionally involving running backs, Jackson is one of the nation’s best.

Jackson’s team, Louisville, still remains actively in the talk for being one of the four best teams in the country. After last week’s throttling of Boston College and Texas A&M’s loss to Mississippi State, Louisville now finds itself ranked sixth in the

College Football Playoff Rankings. And, with no ranked opponents left on its schedule, Louisville should win out and remain in constant consideration as a top-4 team.

And Jackson himself has the much needed hype train behind him. With plays such as his ridiculous hurdle of the Syracuse defender and his seemingly weekly ankle-breaking runs to the end zone, Jackson has more incredible highlights, hands down, than any other player in the country.

Furthermore, Jackson’s stats live up to the Heisman’s of past years. When compared to Cam Newton’s stats from his 2010 Heisman campaign, Jackson’s stats are nearly the same, but with at least three more games to play in the season. That season, Newton threw for 2,854 yards and 30 touchdowns while also rushing for 1,473 yards and 20 touchdowns. Jackson remains on pace to statistically smash Newton’s statistics, and likely could better him in every stat given in just the next two games.

There really is no argument to be made against Jackson winning the Heisman. Be it his jaw-dropping plays or awe inspiring statistics, Lamar Jackson has all the makings of a Heisman trophy winner.

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Cancer

A rise in professional status is available over the next two days. Focus to keep deadlines and promises with excellent service. Avoid jealousies. Take charge.

Leo

Explore new horizons over the next few days. Study and discover unimagined worlds. Stay in communication or risk an upset. Emotional energy drives you.

Virgo

Work together for financial growth today and tomorrow. Rely on trusted partners and allies. Do the homework and come up with a new idea.

Libra

Listen to your partner. Collaboration unlocks magic over the next two days (if you can avoid bickering). Express your feelings. Hear and be heard.

Scorpio

Nurture your health, especially when work gets busier over the next few days. Avoid accident or illness by slowing down and planning your moves.

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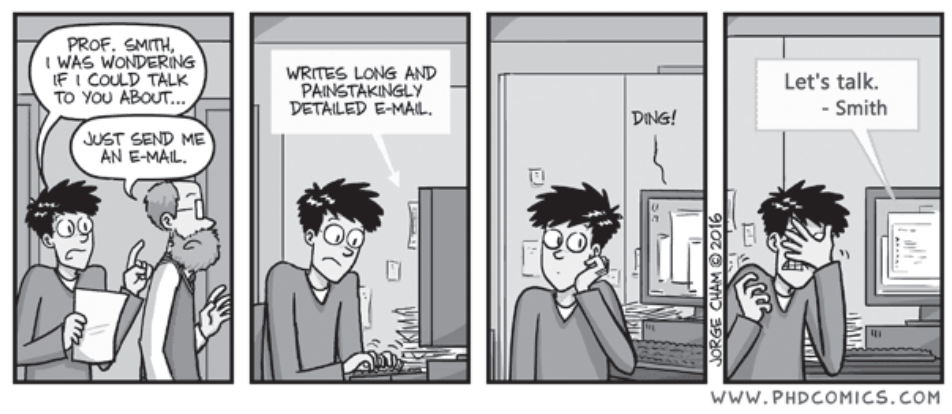
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Gamecocks seek bowl eligibility in Muschamp’s return to The Swamp



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Jake Bentley has thrown for 622 yards in three games this season and has led the Gamecocks to three straight wins, but has yet to play outside of Columbia.

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Heading into the bye week after a loss to Georgia, the meaning of this upcoming Saturday’s matchup would’ve felt like a dream for South Carolina fans.

It seems like years ago that the Gamecocks were 2-4, fresh off giving up over 300 rushing yards to the Bulldogs at home in a loss that figured to bury them toward the bottom of the SEC East standings. Now, winner of three-straight games, South Carolina heads to Gainesville to fight for bowl eligibility. Not only that, but a win will keep the Gamecocks alive in the division title race — something no one expected just three weeks ago.

South Carolina’s road to Atlanta must start in The Swamp, where the Gamecocks defeated the Florida Gators in a thriller in 2014. This year the Gators come into the

matchup banged up, as they’ll certainly be playing without six key players, including quarterback Luke Del Rio, who also didn’t play in Florida’s loss to Tennessee. A few other players are questionable for the game as well, including starting wide receiver Tyrie Cleveland.

Despite the injuries, South Carolina still has just a 14.6 percent chance of winning based on ESPN’s Football Power Index. The Gamecocks have a unique advantage, though, as head coach Will Muschamp and his staff are very familiar with Florida’s personnel.

“You realize there’s some strengths and weaknesses they may have within their game,” Muschamp said Tuesday.

Offensive coordinator Kurt Roper and defensive coordinator Travaris Robinson were on the opposite sideline with Muschamp in 2014 as well, and among the three of them, they recruited a significant number

of the Gators on the current roster.

Regardless, Muschamp emphasizes that the players have to win the game on the field. In what’s supposed to be a defensive battle, the most intriguing matchup may be at quarterback.

Freshman Jake Bentley will make his fourth career start, his first on the road, against an incredibly talented secondary featuring Teez Tabor, Quincy Wilson and Marcus Maye, all of whom are projected to be early-round picks in the NFL Draft.

Florida will turn to Purdue transfer Austin Appleby, who started in the Gators’ loss to Tennessee. Appleby didn’t earn the start until Wednesday, edging out true freshmen Feleipe Franks and Kyle Trask. Appleby will face a South Carolina secondary that allows fewer than 200 yards per game, ranking third in the conference.

With struggling offenses and

strong defenses, this is expected to be a low-scoring affair. The over-under for the contest is listed at 37.5, tied for the lowest of the season. South Carolina ranks last in the SEC in scoring offense, while the Gators sit at No. 10. On the other side, Florida ranks fifth nationally, allowing just 14.1 points per game, 16 spots ahead of the Gamecocks.

The stakes are high for both teams, as South Carolina can clinch bowl eligibility with a win, and both teams need a win and help to claim the division crown. With all the scenarios that could put the Gamecocks into a tie atop the division, Muschamp has made it clear to his players that the game at hand should be their only focus.

“The only thing we can control is South Carolina and our preparation for this game,” Muschamp said. “And the only way any of that stuff stays alive, is we need to win the game.”

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Which player should be awarded the Heisman?

Jabrill Peppers

Lamar Jackson

Mike Casey
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When the Heisman Trophy is brought up in conversation nowadays, it is often followed by the name of one player: Lamar Jackson. Analysts describe Jackson as an athlete, a playmaker and the frontrunner for the Heisman. However, when it comes to Jackson’s Heisman candidacy only one word comes to mind — one-sided.

While Jackson’s touchdowns may make him look like the most impressive Heisman candidate, another player’s versatility puts him at the top. That player is none other



Courtesy of Tribune News Service

Peppers averages 5.44 tackles a game for the nation’s top scoring defense.

than Jabrill Peppers of the No. 3 Michigan Wolverines.

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Courtesy of Tribune News Service

Jackson has led 8-1 Louisville to No. 6 in the latest committee rankings.

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It is over. I repeat, the Heisman race is over.

College football fans, save your breath, your time and your credibility and just agree on the obvious: Lamar Jackson has already won the Heisman.

Usually, to win the Heisman you need to have three boxes checked on your resume. First, you need to have the stats. You need to be leading the NCAA in something so the argument that you are the best player in the country can be grounded in fact.

Second, your team needs to be in the title talk. For both the purpose

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5-1	5-1	4-2	3-3	4-2
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